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ANNUAL REPORT

for the fiscal year
ending July 31, 1991

Provincial Grain Commission

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His Honour
The Honourable Lloyd R. Crouse, P.C.
Lieutenant-Governor of the
Province of Nova Scotia
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Dear Sir:

I have the honour to transmit herewith the Annual Report of the Provincial Grain Commission for the fiscal year ended July 31, 1991.

I am, Your Honour,

Yours truly,

Donald P. McInnes
Minister of Agriculture
and Marketing

The Honorable Donald P. McInnes
Minister of Agriculture & Marketing
Province of Nova Scotia
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Dear Sir:

Presented herewith in accordance with Section 2 of the Provincial Grain Commission Act, is the Annual Report of the Provincial Grain Commission for the fiscal year ended July 31, 1991.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Ueffing,
Chairman

Robert E. Dechman,
Secretary-Manager

PROVINCIAL GRAIN COMMISSION
ANNUAL REPORT
YEAR ENDING JULY 31, 1991

Commission Members

T. Ueffing — Chairman
E. Kidston — Vice-Chairman
J.E. Peill
R. Cooper
J. Goit
W. Cock
G. Parker

Staff

R. Dechman — Secretary-Manager
B. Barkhouse — Supervisor, Steam Mill Grain Centre
R. Quartermain — Grader
E. Canfield — Manager, Bayhead Grain Centre
D. Wilson — Manager, Middleton Grain Centre
M. Watters — Accounting Clerk

Background

The Provincial Grain Commission was established by an act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia that was assented by by the Lieutenant-Governor on May 19, 1977. Under the act, grain means wheat, oats, rye, corn, fababeans, soybeans, field peas, rapeseed, and such other crops as may be designated by the Governor in Council.

Objectives

The objectives and powers of the Commission, as set down by the act, are:

- to buy, sell, store, dry, grade, and distribute grain and to promote grain production;

- to establish prices and make initial and final payments for grain purchased or marketed by the Commission;
- to acquire, hold or lease real and personal property;
- to erect buildings and other works necessary for the purchase, sale, drying, storage, and handling of grain;
- to administer grain production incentive programs as requested by the Minister;
- to enter into and carry out agreements and arrangements for the operation, management, and control of grain drying and storage facilities;
- to carry out such other functions and discharge such other duties as the Minister may from time to time approve or determine.

With the approval of the Governor in Council, the Commission has made the regulations in the following areas:

- respecting the conditions of purchase, sale, and distribution of grain by the Commission
- respecting the kinds, quantities, quality, and dates of purchase of grain purchased by the Commission;
- fixing the dates of advance and final payments each year;
- fixing rates charged for drying, storing, grading, and handling of grain handled by the Commission.

SUMMARY

Grain-Handling Facilities

The Commission operated three grain-handling facilities in the province: one at Steam Mill, Kings County; one at Bayhead, Colchester County; and a third at Middleton, Annapolis County. The services of grading, drying, storage, assembling, and shipping were provided to grain producers at all three locations. Protein evaluation was done at the time of delivery on all loads of wheat.

The Commission assisted grain producers in the area of Colchester County by providing the service of a delivery point at Great Village. Grain delivered to this location was shipped to the Bayhead Grain Centre for drying and cleaning in preparation for market.

Advance Payments

On July 25, 1990, the Commission established the rate of advance payment for the various grains and subsequently provided funds to the Nova Scotia Grain Marketing Board for distribution to growers based on the amount of grain delivered. Advances were provided totalling $952,314.59.

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Advance Payments

The following table outlines the funds used, and the advances received by each pool.

Table 1
ADVANCE PAYMENTS BY COMMODITY

Type of Grain	Total Advances 1989–90	1990–91
Wheat	$527,795.42	$602,776.85
Rye	7,885.20	23,383.50
Barley	48,130.89	140,410.47
Oats	55,824.15	52,589.12
Hulless Oats	2,950.91	2,247.52
Corn	75,554.12	59,249.15
Canola	10,662.44	18,420.58
Soybeans	24,070.47	39,237.40
Other beans	nil	14,000.00
	$752,873.60	**$952,314.59**

Weather Conditions

The 1990–91 season was extremely dry during the growing season which resulted in reduced yields. Prior to harvest, the weather turned wet and also adversely affected yields.

The result of these wet conditions will be felt into the 1991–92 year due to the reduced acreage planted to winter grain in the fall of 1991.

Grain-Handling Facilities

The volume of grain handled by the Commission is shown in the following tables and is broken down by the type of grain, source, and location.

Table II
GRAIN HANDLED AT STEAM MILL GRAIN CENTRE
(Tonnes)

	1989–90			1990–91		
Types of Grain	**Local Prod.**	**Western Source**	**Total**	**Local Prod.**	**Other Sources***	**Total**
Wheat	5,704.9	308.1	6,013.0	3,104.2	85.0	3,189.2
Rye	269.0	—	269.0	183.8	—	183.8
Barley	703.0	260.8	963.8	905.5	—	905.5
Oats	1,133.4	—	1,133.4	541.2	125.0	666.2
Corn	1,657.6	495.8	2,153.4	604.3	149.1	753.4
Soybean Meal	—	321.5	321.5	—	728.0	728.0
Hulless Oats	41.8	—	41.8	—	—	—
Soybeans	245.5	—	245.5	—	—	—
Canola Meal	63.9	—	63.9	—	—	—
Linseed Meal	—	—	—	—	5.0	5.0
	9,819.1	**1,386.2**	**11,205.3**	**5,339.0**	**1,092.1**	**6,431.1**

Table III
GRAIN HANDLED AT BAYHEAD GRAIN CENTRE
(Tonnes)

	1989–90			1990–91		
Types of Grain	**Local Prod.**	**Western Source**	**Total**	**Local Prod.**	**Other Sources***	**Total**
Wheat	977.1	44.0	1,021.1	196.6	—	196.6
Rye	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barley	282.3	245.5	527.8	686.1	—	686.1
Oats	321.1	—	321.1	193.9	347.2	541.1
Corn	49.1	28.5	77.6	28.6	85.4	114.0
Hulless Oats	27.8	—	27.8	14.1	—	14.1
Canola	64.8	—	64.8	34.2	—	34.2
Soybeans	38.0	—	38.0	35.8	—	35.8
	1,760.2	**317.9**	**2,078.2**	**1,189.3**	**432.6**	**1,621.9**

Table IV
GRAIN HANDLED AT MIDDLETON GRAIN CENTRE
(Tonnes)

	1989–90			1990–91		
Types of Grain	**Local Prod.**	**Western Source**	**Total**	**Local Prod.**	**Other Sources***	**Total**
Wheat	705.7	—	705.7	498.2	—	498.2
Rye	11.3	—	11.3	—	—	—
Barley	601.9	136.5	738.4	608.7	408.0	1,016.7
Oats	529.8	—	529.8	129.1	427.7	556.8
Corn	874.6	—	874.6	868.5	—	868.5
Soybeans	23.7	—	23.7	28.0	—	28.0
Hulless Oats	18.2	—	18.2	—	—	—
	2,765.2	**136.5**	**2,901.7**	**2,132.5**	**835.7**	**2,968.2**

*During the 1990–91 year, grain was moved between grain centres and from neighbouring provinces to meet the demand from local livestock feeders and only small amounts were sourced from Western Canada. This change in heading better describes the source of grain the 1990–91 year.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Commission was saddened by the passing of one of the Charter members of the Commission, J.E. Peill, who died on August 1, 1991. Mr. Peill's dedication to the grain industry and the contribution he made to the Commission will be missed by the Commission, its clientele, and its staff.

The Provincial Grain Commission wishes to acknowledge the assistance received from producers and producer associations: in particular, the Nova Scotia Grain Marketing Board, and the work it has done on behalf of all grain producers in the province.

The Commission wishes also to acknowledge the cooperation received from the milling industry and the livestock feed trade organizations in the province for their assistance in marketing and handling the local crop.

In conclusion, the Commission wishes also to acknowledge the contributions of its operational staff in the dedication to their work and the effort they have put forward to serve their clientele.

Schedule A

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA
PROVINCIAL GRAIN COMMISSION
GRAIN CENTRE OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 1991

	Steam Mill		Bayhead		Middleton		Total	
	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990
Revenues								
Handling, drying and storage fees	$111,663	$205,092	$24,662	$ 41,922	$51,715	$61,111	$188,040	$308,125
Operating Expenses								
Salaries	124,988	139,684	73,701	84,352	70,830	75,512	269,519	299,548
Insurance	11,524	16,062	5,259	7,319	4,463	6,075	21,246	29,456
Maintenance, rentals and repairs	17,430	24,529	8,948	33,554	6,680	11,185	33,058	69,268
Electricity	17,958	18,776	8,630	10,691	7,002	7,926	33,590	37,393
Fuel	14,568	24,787	11,031	12,197	6,035	8,683	31,634	45,667
Trucking	319	2,077	2,119	4,510	1,962	767	4,400	7,354
Handling costs, other facilities	—	—	11,153	21,893	—	—	11,153	21,893
Other	3,961	1,375	481	506	444	519	4,886	2,400
	190,748	227,290	121,322	175,022	97,416	110,667	409,486	512,979
Operating Loss	$ 79,085	$ 22,198	$96,660	$133,100	$45,701	$49,556	$221,446	$204,854